

APPENDIX A

Claims As Amended Marked Up To Show All The Changes Relative To The Previous Version
Of That Claim

37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (c) (1) (ii)

26. (Amended) A conference system for large numbers of participants, comprising:
means for receiving a plurality of audio data streams from a corresponding plurality of conference participants;
means for selecting a subset of the plurality of audio data streams, wherein the selected subset of audio data streams includes streams of different data types; [and]
decoder modules for decoding different types of audio data;
means for routing the selected subset of the plurality of audio data streams to the decoder modules based on the data types of the streams; and
means for rendering the selected subset of audio data streams.
28. (Amended) The conference system of claim [27] 26:
wherein the selected subset of audio data streams includes a first audio data stream and a second audio data stream; and
wherein the system further comprises:
means for determining whether one or more of the first and second audio data streams is associated with an inactive conference participant; and
means, responsive to determination of the inactive conference participant, for substituting a third audio data stream from a third conference participant, for at least the one of the first and second audio data streams associated with the inactive conference participant.

29. (Amended) A conferencing method comprising:

receiving a plurality of audio data streams from a corresponding plurality of conference participants;

(e.g. filtering) 30, 40) 9/32-40
 selecting a subset of the plurality of audio data streams, wherein the selected subset of
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 audio data streams includes streams of different data types; [and] 665 6/5-20; channel/media type, selected subset in accord
 different stream source data types 7/16-8/1, 18-24
 (24) 7/16-8/1
 routing the selected subset of the plurality of audio data streams to decoder modules 8/16-9/7
 665 Fig 5, steps 3-5, 10/21-47
 based on their data types; and 10/21-47 in audio comp (102) 13/31-38
 (displaying) 5/13-15
 (34) rendering the selected subset of audio data streams. 8/16-9/7 12/21-24

32. (Twice Amended) A conferencing method comprising:

receiving a plurality of data streams from a corresponding plurality of conference participants;

selecting a subset of the plurality of data streams, wherein the selected subset of audio data streams includes streams of different data types;

routing the selected subset of the plurality of audio data streams to decoder modules
based on their data types;

rendering the selected subset of data streams:

determining whether one or more of the first and second data streams is associated with an inactive conference participant; and

substituting a third data stream from a third conference participant, for at least the one of the first and second data streams determined to be associated with the inactive conference participant.

33. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the selected subset of [audio] data streams includes a first audio data stream formatted according to a first protocol and a second audio data stream formatted according to a second protocol.

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34. (Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the selected subset of data streams includes a first video data stream formatted according to a first protocol and a second video data stream formatted according to a second protocol.